Paris. Thursday 2 p.m.
Feb. 16 – 1852

My dear Mrs. Chapman

Finding an unclosed envelope addressed for you by Miss Pugh, tho' I really have no time for writing I will put in a bit of paper just to say, that I am yet unable to advise what will be the course most desirable for Miss O'Reilly.

There is nothing different in the appearance of the eye from what might be expected ~~from~~ after such a wound as the one she received in it. I am not clear

Mr. Searle's address is Meurice's Hotel, & anything from Bristol, or the English post must be sent to him not later than next Wednesday (22.)

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yet, as to the *threatening* of some deep seated *fungous* growth, but must watch her for a few days. Where I hear, as in Miss O'R's case, complaints made of the former treatment of skilful practitioners, as being "inappropriate", "injurious", &c I know that *my* time will come for being placed in a similar category with my predecessors: this consideration however, will not deter me from advising for Mr. O'Reilly what my judgment points out as best: I have no like – no ambition to be considered infallible.

Miss Weston gave me £2 for the Crafts ~~fr~~ from your family. The transaction was a very hurried one, & I did not think much of the matter then; but I should prefer declining, receiving any thing on behalf of Wm. E. Craft, from *Americans* — especially from Abolitionists: they sought *our* protection & hospitality; they are *our* guests; it ~~&~~ is the business of ~~the~~ *English* people to shelter, educate, & provide for them.

It was this view of the matter which disinclined me first year to apply to you for some offered help. — I will retain the £2, "for return", or to be used for you, in any way you may direct.

I hope Miss Pugh (our pleasant guest) may have told you of the Bishop's letter from Saint Louis of Aug: 28? He remains true, & will come back a disgusted condemner, root & branch, of the "peculiar institution", — not its apologist.

Did you see the circular I have issued about the Crafts? I wish we could "hoist" you up to our A.S. point, but it is impossible — I looked about in vain for Emma at 46 Portland Place! I hope she got a letter I posted for her? Much love to her & Lizzie & Annie. Ever Yours

J. B. Estlin

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